

From the Upper Chamber



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Report for Tuesday, January 15, 2008

The second day of the 2008 legislative session was called to order by Lieutenant Governor **Casey Cagle**.

Senator **Don Balfour** of the 9th stated that the journal had been read and was found to be correct.

Senate Bills 339-342 and Senate Resolutions 701 and 706 were then read for the first time and assigned to committees.

Following the morning roll call, President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1st led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then introduced the *Chaplain of the Day*, Pastor **Steve Lane** of New Beginnings Church in Richmond Hill, who led the Senate in the daily devotional.

Lt. Gov. **Cagle** introduced Nurse **Elsie Redden** to the Senate. Nurse **Redden** will man the Medical Aid Station at the Capitol this year.

Sen. **Lee Hawkins** of the 49th then introduced the *Doctor of the Day*, Dr. **Jack Chapman** of Gainesville.

SR 691-700, 702-705 and 707 were read and adopted.

The clerk of the Secretary read House Resolution 1019, calling a joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives to hear Governor **Sonny Perdue**'s State of the State address on Wednesday, January 16 at 2:00 p.m.

HR 1019 was adopted by a vote of 33 to 0.

Lt. Gov. **Cagle** then appointed a Committee of Escort, consisting of Senators **Johnson, Jack Hill** of the 4th, **Tim Golden** of the 8th, **Robert Brown** of the 26th, **Mitch Seabaugh** of the 28th, **David Adelman** of the 42nd and **Dan Moody** of the 56th.

The clerk read HR 1020, which calls a joint session of the Senate and House to hear Chief Justice **Leah Ward Sears'** State of the Judiciary address on Wednesday, February 13 at 11:00 a.m.

HR 1020 was adopted by a vote of 29 to 0.

The clerk of the Secretary read HR 1021, which outlines the upcoming schedule of the General Assembly.

Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the 19th took the well to discuss the schedule of the Senate.

HR 1021 was adopted by a vote of 41 to 0.

Sen. **Valencia Seay** of the 34th took the well to mention that today is the birthday of Dr. **Martin Luther King, Jr.** She also encouraged the Senate to sign her resolution urging the state to contribute funds to the Washington, D.C. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial.

Sen. **Johnson** took the well to encourage Senators to sign his resolution that would create a Constitutional Amendment to freeze property tax increases in the state with a floating homestead exemption.

Following further announcements, Majority Leader **Williams** moved that the Senate stand adjourned until 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 16.

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